Niagara Knights capture ICHL gold

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

Undisputed champions.

The Niagara Knights hockey team proved beyond a doubt that they are the cream of the crop in the International Collegiate Hockey League in capturing the playoff title to add to the league crown they clinched almost a month ago.

The Knights swept their two playoff games this weekend in Kitchener, dumping Buff. State 7-4 in Saturday's semi-final before downing the host Conestoga Condors 5-3 in a thrilling finale.

The sweep tops off a dream season for coach Fred Bassi and the team, and is extra sweet for the coach who logged his 20th year behind the Niagara bench this season.

QUICK SCORES

Dave and Mike Mooridian scored 25 apart in the second period, taking advantage of two Conestoga penalties, to break open a 2-2 game.

Niagara's penalty killers rose to the occasion, and completed a perfect game allowing no goals in the game.

The Knights had two anxious moments in the dying minutes of play after they were caught with six skaters on the ice with 3:55 remaining.

Niagara's penalty killers rose to the occasion, and completed a perfect game allowing no goals against and chipping in a short-handed goal by James Ward. The special teams, outstanding all season, again provided the "extra something" that separates winners and also-rans.

An insurance goal by Dan Ruetz clinched matter with 1:25 left on the clock.

"This has been the best year yet," coach Bassi told his charges in the dressing room.

Judging from their performance, it's hard to dispute it.

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At Career Day

It was a busy day at the Welland campus yesterday as companies competed for the attention of students. Among the 25 companies which set up stalls around the college corridors, was one belonging to the Canadian Armed Forces. Captain Doug Bugeaud is seen here answering questions from Jay Damato, first-year general college student.

Photo by Bome Matshaba

Parking fee may rise by $10

The president of the support staff union is "vehemently opposed" to a proposal that would increase parking fees this fall at the college.

Meg Rose was commenting on a union meeting Wednesday evening which heard a report from the college budget committee.

Although the proposal is not yet "carved in stone," she said, it suggested parking for staff be increased to $70, and, for students, about $5 more than the present $40 fee.

"As president of the support staff, I vehemently disagree with this increase, both for staff and students," Ms. Rose said.

Paid parking was instituted at the college last September to generate "badly needed revenue," Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said in September. The money would be used to maintain the grounds, for paving, snow removal, lighting, grass "and things like that."

Ms. Rose said there are still four colleges which do not charge for parking.

Allow no promises in SAC election

Student Administrative Council elections will be April 19 this year, and candidates will not be allowed to make election promises.

Only full-time students can run and they must have a cumulative average of at least 65 per cent.

Nominations will be from March 26 to 30 and the candidates will be verified on April 2.

April 3 to 17 will be campaigning days, and students can hear candidates' speeches at the Hamilton room on April 17 at noon.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said students will not be allowed to make promises because "they don't fulfil their promises."

There will be an advance poll on April 18.

Only six per cent of eligible students voted in last year's SAC elections.

Jim Ascai, SAC president, said he urges students to run for posts, and if they don't run they should vote. He said he will not be running for the presidency again, "but I might run again for another post."

SAC needs students to evaluate teachers

The Student Administrative Council is trying to get students to sign up for the teacher evaluation subcommittee.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said at least half a dozen students are needed. The subcommittee will hear complaints from students and forward them to the teacher evaluation committee.

"If students have something they are concerned about, they should bring their complaints to the subcommittee," Donna said.

A teacher evaluation committee has been set up to monitor a procedure to evaluate teacher performance. SAC has also decided to revise a form to help evaluate faculty performance and conduct in class.

Continuing education has a form which is filled out by students about their course and the instructor. Students comment about the teacher-student relationship, for example, whether the instructor was respectful to student viewpoints.

Students interested in forming the teacher evaluation subcommittee should sign up at the SAC office.

Proposal still in negotiations: Gooch

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

A provincial policy analyst told Niagara College students "there is no proposed legislation" as they thought, that would limit their ability to practise social work in Ontario.

Peter Gooch, a representative of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, told social service worker students Monday that a proposal by the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers is still only in the negotiation stages.

"It's not a fait accompli."

The students have been mounting a campaign to oppose the proposal — which they had understood to be at the "proposed legislation" stage. If passed, it would prevent community college graduates from doing the work they are trained for.

"Our grads are more than competent to go out and do the work on the frontlines of our community," Lynn Bird, an instructor in the program, said two weeks ago. "I think doors should be open, not this elitist nonsense."

Even though students listened to Mr. Gooch, they are still planning a trip to Queen's Park to rally against the proposal. Students held a bake sale Monday and raised about $300 for their cause.

NO FURTHER

Mr. Gooch told the students that, unless a consensus can be reached between the OAPSW and the colleges, the proposal will go no further.

The original proposal made by the association stated that only those with degrees in social work from a recognized university would be considered for a position in social services. However, the association has reduced this criterion.

If the proposal had passed as originally written, there would have been a 70 per cent cut in staffing but the association knew it couldn't pass it because of the impact it would have on colleges.

Those attending the meeting Monday included Jacqueline Robarts, Bob Baddeley, chairman of the community services division and Goldie Hill, co-ordinator of the social service worker program.

Mr. Gooch, who visited Niagara, said the government does not want any further negative impressions because there is already a shortage of skilled and competent staff in social service work.

The association will now discuss a wider base because it realizes its idea was inappropriate.

"We need to look at people who don't meet their criteria," Mr. Gooch said.

The association, which represents about 4,000 university-trained social workers, has been

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Florida

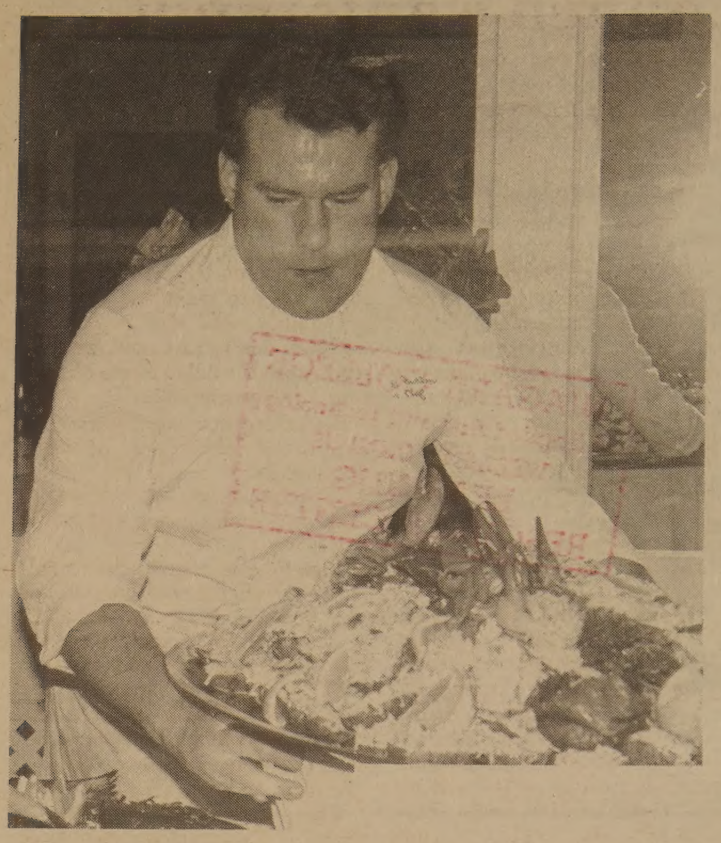
Vrooooom...the noise of revving engines and the squeal of tires echo at Daytona Beach. See page 5.

Extravaganza

Shrimp, lobster, and the world's largest paella delight diners at the Seafood Extravaganza. See pages 8 & 9.

Hockey

The Niagara Knights, in their "best year yet," trounce the Conestoga Condors to win the ICHL title. See page 13.



Mmmmm...

What a feast! Barry Burton, Sous Chef, places a tray of stuffed lobster on one of the buffet tables at the Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls. Last Friday's Seafood Extravaganza was the ultimate delight for seafood lovers.

Photo by Lisa Choma

OOPS

Due to an overzealous cropping, Tammy Dawson, first-year ERSN student, was cut off the end of the photo, Right Down Their Alley, in the Feb. 23 edition of the Niagara News. There are, in fact, four members of the winning bowling team. The Niagara News apologizes for any misunderstanding.

Letter

Thank teacher

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday, March 8, we were driving home from the college along Highway 20 when our car broke down.

Not being very mechanically minded, we were in trouble. We walked to a house for help. We asked to use the phone, but could not get help or a mechanic.

The lady of the house went out of her way to drive us to the Pen in St. Catharines where we were able to get help.

This person turned out to be a computer teacher at the college. She certainly went out of her way in our desperate time of need. We would like to thank Mrs. Lynn Emmans for her time and effort in helping us get back to St. Catharines. We really appreciated it.

First-year Law and Security students,
Selena Jameson, Amy Cole, and Kevin Blanchard.

Open House April 1

All Niagara College's departments are ready to show it all in the spring Open House, and the Simcoe-Lundy-Merrit-Tecumseh complex will be the stage, come April 1.

"It includes activities of other campuses that will have displays here such as the tourism and hospitality centre in Niagara Falls and adult training programs in St. Catharines," Fred Habermehl, executive dean of the college, said. "It will also include information from the registrar's office, continuing education services and student aid special needs.

The Open House is different from the Explore Niagara day which was an attempt to help secondary school students see what programs the college offers as a bit of recruitment.

"In this case, we're saying to the general public: 'It's your college, come and see all of the things that happen here,' " Mr. Habermehl said.

The Open House will start at 1 p.m. Sunday. "And if the people want to see everything, they better come early because it's more than a full afternoon to get around for everything, " Mr. Habermehl said.

Mr. Habermehl appealed to everybody in the college to use creativity to make the event more interesting. "We're hoping for lots of color, lots of movement, things to touch and things to do."

There'll be some observable kinds of things in the MacKenzie building such as motorcyles with particular emphasis on motorcycle saftey, cardio-pulmunary resuscitation and cooking demonstrations by chef Alexander.

Mr. Habermehl said student clubs will have some displays, and a number of those clubs will be selling coffee and donuts for visitors.

Women interested in self-defence will want to be in the gymnasium for a demonstration of self-defence for women. Sports activities in the gymnasium will include volleyball and public badminton.

The learning resource centre was trying to feature a video disc display "and they'll also have a display of books and articles written by college staff members," Mr. Habermehl said.

Business programs are going to have displays in halls, and they'll have computer games in the computer labs. The computer centre will be open so people can see the mainframe.

Most displays in the Open House will be in halls, unlike the Explore Niagara Day where visitors are allowed to sit in classes with college students.

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What a day!

Recent warming up of the weather came at the right time and was a relief for most people just when winter coats and sweaters were just beginning to be a nuisance. Like everybody else, students here at Niagara College could not just let the day pass by. Melanie Webster, Melissa Smith, Renee Lambert, Paul Fortier and Shelley Speiran, all first-year fashion arts students, are seen here enjoying the sun from the roof of the Simcoe building.

Photo by Bome Matshaba

Council wants input for faculty evaluation

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

College Council decided Tuesday the first step in teacher evaluation will be developing a form for student input to "enhance" faculty performance.

"This is the most easily accomplished first step, and what will bring us results more quickly," Pat Delaney, subcommittee chairman, said. "After this, we intend to move to the next step, which is peer evaluation."

Mr. Delaney reported that the subcommittee is looking at developing a student questionnaire to be completed by students at mid-term and at the end of semester. He suggested the results could then be analyzed and sent to the teacher for discussion. The questionnaire at the end of the semester could be sent to the teacher for review and consultation.

The actual format of the questionnaire will be a co-operative effort by the subcommittee, students and faculty.

Mr. Delaney informed council that the subcommittee found similar efforts in practice at Georgian College.

Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said one of the reasons to start with the students is to make use of their availability until May.

"If we don't start now, we are stuck until the fall in terms of getting any student input."

Bette Ferguson, administration, supported the idea of the questionnaire.

"For faculty to get involved in their own evaluation is a positive thing."

Tom Fraser, council chairman, explained that the subcommittee was not reporting to council to seek authority to generate a form and "fire it all over the place."

"What the cubcommittee intends is to get together and develop a form, and what it does with the form is up to council after the form is done."

The subcommittee meeting March 6, decided that if an overall policy was going to be developed, it should be called "faculty enhancement," Mr. Delaney said.

"It adds a little sugar to the pill."

"I think it is an excellent thing to have happen," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Shortage of mechanics fuels auto program

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

The auto repair services program will keep operating so long as there continues to be a shortage of qualified mechanics in the community, the program's co-ordinator said.

The program receives federal money through the Niagara Peninsula Industrial Education Council and the Niagara Industrial Training and Advisory Corporation based on the needs in the community, Randy Carbone, program co-ordinator, said.

The federal government has allocated dollars for training, NITAC and NPIEC determine what skills are needed in the community and fund programs to meet these neds.

"There are not enough mechanics out in the workforce," Mr. Carbone said. As a result the program has been funded for five years. Mr. Carbone is hopeful that funding will be available again next year.

The reason for the shortage is one of image. "Parents don't realize that their sons and daughters can make a lot of money in trade areas," he said. "I know mechanics who make $50,000 to $60,000 a year."

For five years, the program operated out of West Park School in St. Catharines. But since Septrember the auto repair services program has been in its new location, sharing space with the welding shop at St. Catharines campus.

The space used to be entirely occupied by the welding shop. But last summer a wall was built dividing the building into two sections. A welding shop remains in one, and the other half was converted to an auto shop.

The program started out with 21 students in September and 17 remain. Students who complete the cource are guaranteed a secure job, Mr. Carbone said.

The automotive trade is becoming more specialized, he said. Instead of taking a car to the mechanic, people now go to brake shops, muffler shops, and so on. "The course takes little pieces of everything and coupled with co-op, the individual decides what they want to specialize in."

"It's a lot of knowledge, but it's a good program," Rob Cronkwright, an auto repair services student, said.

The program shares the facility with the mechanic apprenticeship program which runs in the evenings.

Career Fair

Company spokesmen meet Niagara students

Students at Niagara College had a great opportunity to hobnob with spokesmen from several companies at the first Career Exhibition on the Welland Campus Wednesday. Judging by the numbers, students took full advantage of it.

The fair was organized by Career Servics to get employers and students talking to each other. During the day, 25 companies had set up stalls around the college corridors, willing to answer any questions a clever student could throw at them.

"Judy (Stankus) and I are extremely pleased by the enthusiasm shown by the employers, students, faculty and administration," career services officer Sherry Barna, said.

The day went "wonderfully," she said.

"We had only positive feedback. The students are hoping that this will become an annual event."

Working with several graduation human resource students, Career Services was able to pull off the even without a hitch.

BEST YET

Bob Webster of Sunnybrook Medical Centre said he has been to many career fairs over the years but "this one has been the best organized so far."

Mr. Webster said the college had been very good to participants. He liked the idea that a student was assigned to help him set up his display. He found the students to be knowledgeable and keen. The doughnuts were a nice touch, too, he said.

Heather Elliot, a human resources student agreed. "It's a great asset that employers can come here and find the people they are looking for."

Companies involved in the fair included EDS, an information systems company, The Royal Bank, North American Life, The Prudential, and Pepsi Co. Out of 27 expected, only two were unable to come.

SOME PRAISE

Wendy Nalkin, a representative from Taco Bell, said this was her first career fair, but she thought it was a good idea. Taco Bell, a branch of Pepsi Co. Food Services International offers positions in restaurant management training course.

Theresa Mazachowsky, of Metropolitan Life, said her company looks for account representatives. Jobs are mainly entry level positions that sell financial services and life insurance.

Another Met Life Representative, Marianne Trepanier, said she thought the career fair was excellent. She herself was hired through a career fair at the University of Windsor.

"I found today to be very worthwhile," Sandra Lennon, director of human resources at Wendy's said. "I found students to have clear expectations and are realistic, in the careers they were looking for."

Don't panic! It's Danbo

If you see what looks like a hostage situation in the mini-caf next Tuesday, don't panic. It's just third-year film students filming a scene for Danbo takes Niagara.

The scene involves a police car outside the Tecumseh building with an actor in a police uniform. There will also be some gunfire using single-shot blank pistols.

The filming will last most of the day. Signs will be posted in the area, and an announcement will be made on the college's public address system, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Miss Robarts said the college's neighbors have been advised of the filming and the scene has been approved by Niagara Regional Police.

Jim proud of Centre

Completing preparations for the Student Centre was one of Jim Acsai's main goals as this year's Student Administrative Council president and, since it is now in the advanced stage, he feels it is his main accomplishment.

He gave credit to Randy Conlon, last year's SAC president, who also had launching the Student Centre as his main goal. Jim said he built on Randy's work and was able to carry it to completion.

However, Jim thinks the position of president "should be a full-time position," even though Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, gives a great deal of help.

There is a lot of work involved, and a full-time president would do a better job. "Putting a lot of work into SAC activities made me lose a year, and I have to repeat," he said.

Being SAC president is a great learning experience, and he recommends it for anyone. "I did make a few mistakes, but everybody does make mistakes, and I did learn from my mistakes."

The problem of student apathy is difficult to deal with, he said.

He said the problem has improved a bit. This year's "Winter course turned out better than last year's. We planned and advertised it a month in advance." There were more participants this year.

Hort Open House

Niagara College's Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines will hold its 20th annual Open House tomorrow and Sunday. And once again there will be plenty to see and do.

The centre will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days. There will be workshops for children, displays by area societies, and a plant sale.

Editorials

Knights No. 1

Let's hear it for the boys

Congratulations to Niagara Knights hockey team. The Big Blue Machine became the undisputed champions of the International Collegiate Hockey League after winning the playoffs last weekend. The Knights' brilliant performance enabled them to be No. 1 in the ICHL standings.

"This is the best team that's ever played in the ICHL." That's how coach Fred Bassi summed it up after the game.

There had been doubts on the team's ability to win the league because of the hardships it faced at the beginning of the season. Coach Fred Bassi was sidelined because of the four week Ontario Colleges faculty strike. Six of the seven teams making the ICHL were in better position because they were not affected by the strike.

The Knights, however, pulled together to put up a good fight and earned themselves some respect in the league. They beat their arch-rivals, Conestoga Condors and Penn State's Nittany Lions, to achieve a comfortable lead throughout the season.

Adding to the joy and pride the team has brought to the college, two of its members, Jim Darling and James Ward were voted the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the league and playoffs tournament respectively.

To Mr. Bassi, in his 20th year as Knights coach, and the whole team, a job well done.

Mahube Mpugwa

Library not social hall

Noisemakers not welcome

To those who spend time in the college library, it becomes obvious that many students are there to socialize, not study. At nearly all of the desks there are groups of people laughing and talking loudly, not making the slightest pretence at working, while a few who are supposedly studying rehearse their notes in loud voices. This chitter chatter makes serious thought impossible.

Why should the library, traditionally a site for quiet study, be used as a social hall?

Don't these people have work to do???

There seems to be two majority segments in the students in the student population: one group, the minority, seek the library as a solitary sanctuary for study; the second faction is attending college as a means of expanding their social lives. They seem to find ample opportunity to do so in the library, at the expense of others.

The problem of library noisemakers seems to be a symptom of the "me first" attitude that pervades society — who cares about the other guy, as long as you get what you want?

Those who are so thoughtless and inconsiderate should show a little respect for the rights of others — someday a situation will occur in which they will appreciate such consideration in return.

Elizabeth Yates

Bullpit

English-only policy

Adults reduced to jeering

BY ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

The controversy over English-only versus bilingualism reached a boiling point at the March 5 meeting of Niagara Falls city council, held in a high-school gymnasium to accommodate interested parties. For a spectator who didn't have a stake in the outcome, the sight of 1,000 adults, the majority of whom were middle-aged or older, behaving with less decorum than a bevy of teething two-year-olds with diaper rash, was unbelievable and quite disheartening.

Aldermen attempting to give their carefully-prepared speeches to the public were drowned out by catcalls, boos and hisses from the ill-mannered throngs who didn't agree with them. Private citizens, who had taken time from their jobs and famililies to muster their thoughts and express them publicly, met the same ugly fate.

What kind of society are we living in? What happened to the freedom of speech guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

Obviously, in Niagara Falls this right is overridden by the wishes of the majority. Canada is supposed to be a democracy, which is defined as government by the people, in which ALL have equal rights — a democracy is not "majority rule".

Not only were the nay-sayers in Monday's audience rude and boorish, they were denying their fellow Canadians a right that is theirs by law.

It is not hard to extrapolate from this situation to one in which those of us with opinions different from the norm will not only be unable to express them, but will be persecuted for having them.

The language issue has emotions running high and tempers on edge, but this is no excuse for behavior of the kind expressed at the council meeting. As Canadians, we must remember that we belong to a democracy in which all are equal, no matter what their race or language, and that all have a right to speak their minds.

Whether we choose to listen is a private decision, and should remain so.

Never again?

For those people out there who miss the cold, here is a reminder of what we left behind. Only last week, trees in Niagara Falls were coated in ice. But recent warm weather has melted most of it away. Enjoy the warmth while it lasts, seasonal temperatures are expected to return next week.

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FOCUS

Main Street, Daytona Beach, is the place to see and be seen for the hordes of bikers who descend on Daytona during the first week of March every year.

Even early in the week. the bikes are jammed in front of the Boot Hill Saloon, the most famous bar of them all.

David Sadowski (left) was the fastest man at the Daytona International Speedway this year. Here he relaxes with crew members before the start of the Daytona 200. Two hours later, he was the happiest man in Daytona Beach, having won the biggest race of the week. The Daytona 200 attracts the best riders in the world and winning this race is one of the biggest accomplishments in motorcycle racing.

Daytona Bike Week

Bikers flock to 'The Beach'

Late every winter, when cabin fever has reached an epidemic peak all over the land, motorcyclists load up their machines and flock towards the sun to be part of the largest motorcycle event in the world — Daytona Bike Week.

They come to be part of the motorcycle scene which takes over the quiet resort town of Daytona Beach, Florida, in the first week of March every year. If it has anything at all to do with motorcycles, it can be found in Daytona.

For that one week in March (March 4-11 this year), Daytona is wall-to-wall motorcycles and motorcycle people. There are races, bike shows, swap meets, industry expositions, rallies...the list of things to do seems to continue on endlessly. Many people come specifically for these events, but Daytona bike week has become so famous that thousands are here for no other reason than to be part of the scene.

There are all kinds of motorcycle people here. Some still do come for the races, but every year, with all the things to do here, the racing scene takes on a lower profile. Motorcycle racing in all its myriad forms continues to be an integral part of bike week, but more and more people come to town each year and never even go near the race.

In the heart of town on Main Street, motorcycles line both sides of the street as far as the eye can see. From early in the morning until late at night, they come and go, filling the warm ocean air with their throaty roar.

Out on the beach, motorcycles cruise back and forth on the hard, white sand. Hotel, store and restaurant parking lots are jammed with motorcycles. This year the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce estimated there were more than 100,000 bikes in town, and one could not go anywhere for a moment without seeing, or hearing, a motorcycle.

The bikes and bike people who come to Daytona each spring play an important part in the local economy, and the merchants of the city welcome them with open arms. "Welcome Bikers" signs are everywhere. Unlike so many other places, Daytona Beach goes out of its way to look after the motorcycle crowd.

Even the police like the bikers and do everything in their power to make sure things run smoothly.

Harleys

In the first few days of March, bikes in every color, shape and form begin to pull into town on trailers, in the back of trucks and under their own power. Harley-Davidson is king of the bikes in Daytona. Harleys, the only motorcycle still made in the U.S.A., outnumber the other brands put together.

With the heavy Harley influence, the most common fashion statement on the streets is a black T-shirt and a pair of blue jeans. For a few refreshing days, three-piece suits are nowhere to be seen.

Unlike the popular B-movie misconception of motorcyclist as vagabond, the bikers in Daytona come from all walks of life and are responsible members of society. Doctors, lawyers, salesmen and mechanics all mingle to share their common love of motorcycles.

By the middle of the week, the bikes are everywhere. The cycle influx is so heavy that police limit some of the downtown streets to motorcycle traffic only. Actually motorcycle traffic jam is more like it — sometimes it takes half an hour to travel two or three city blocks!

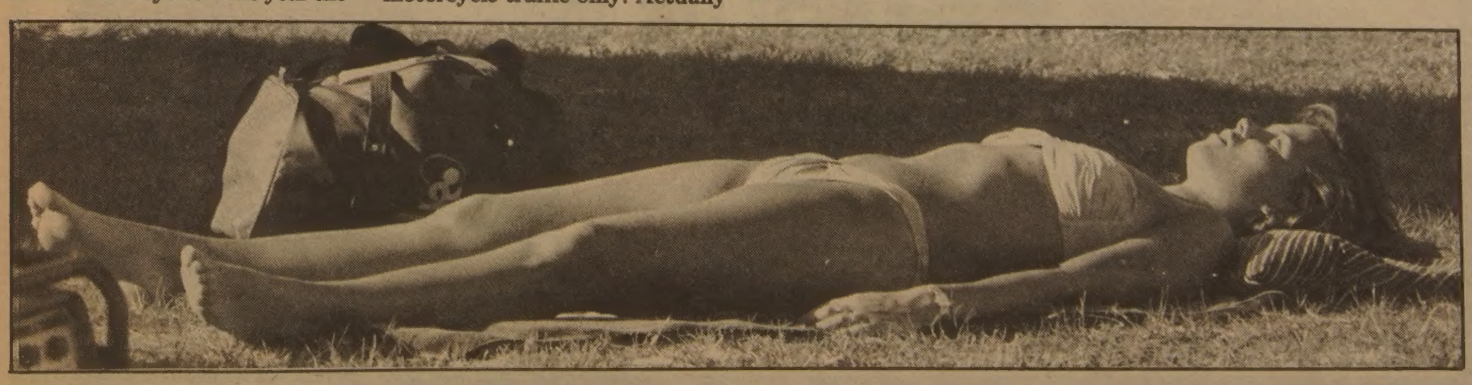
Motorcycle racing may be becoming less important to the success of bike week, but racing still provides much of the excitement. Bike racing comes in many forms — road racing, dirt track racing, motocross, enduros — and there are races for all of them at Daytona. Winning any race here is a special achievement because everybody who's anybody in motorcycle racing comes to Daytona Beach.

The most famous race of the week is the Daytona 200, a road race held on the high banks of Daytona International Speedway. The 1990 edition was the 49th running of the 200, which began as a race on the beach and was transferred to the speedway in the early 1960s. Winning this race is one of the great feats in motorcycling, and riders from all over the world come to compete in this gruelling event.

From the racing, to the streets, to the beach, the motorcycles come and go all week. For many motorcyclists from the land of ice and snow, Daytona is the first ride of the year, and many riders use Daytona as an early excuse to be out in the wind once more.

As the week winds down, the motorcycles are loaded up for the trip back home. Along with the bikes, riders lock away their memories of another Daytona bike week. Then they take to the roads leading home, thinking of all the things that happened in Daytona 1990. And even before they leave town, most of them are looking forward to Bike Week 1991.

Daytona Bike Week coincides with the first week of Spring Break, making Daytona even more crowded than it already was. The bikers and the college students make for an interesting mix. Here Laurie, Debby and Sandra are taking a much-needed break from their college studies out near the ocean waves. The weather for Bike Week wasn't too tough to handle — it was hot and sunny every day.



There's more to the Daytona Beach motorcycle race scene than racing motorcycles!

Stories, pictures

by Virgil Klassen

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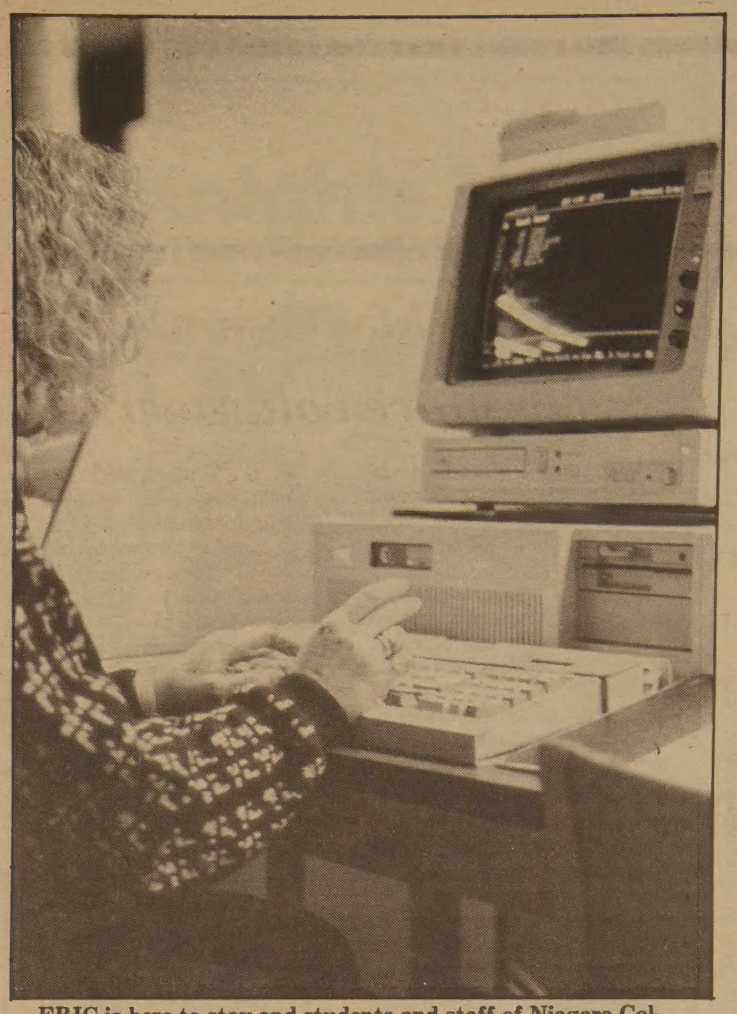

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Niagara's database publicly invites users

Welcome Niagara College's newest member of the Learning Resource Centre, ERIC.

ERIC, the Educational Resources Information Centre, has been open to the students and staff of Niagara since the beginning of the fall term and is now publicly inviting users.

ERIC is a database with more than 150,000 references to educational journals and documents. "It's basically a time-saving device," Sue Bartlett, of the resources centre, said. "It is suitable for educational related topics at the elementary, secondary, college and university levels."

ERIC is like an electr onic periodical that has six years of print index and access to educational documents as well. The information is stored on one compact disc. "It looks the same as a music CD, but ERIC is not a disc player, it is a disc drive," Ms. Bartlett said.

ERIC was bought through the college library funds. The college will subscribe to receive the updated discs on an annual basis. Journals that are listed in ERIC's databank can be found at Brock University, St. Catharines. Documents are also available at Brock on microfiche.

There is no fee to use ERIC and the LRC staff will help you if you think ERIC is too complicated to use. If you want to meet ERIC you can call Ms. Bartlett (404), or Trish Labonte (799) or you can go to the resource centre in the library and introduce yourself to ERIC.

Tourism orientation session

An orientation session will take place at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Saturday, March 31, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The session is designed to familiarize interested people with the tourism/tourisme program at the Niagara Falls campus, tourism co-ordinator, Marie-Marthe Rennie, said.

Nuclear energy gains preference as province's electrical needs rise

By MARIA PULE
Staff Writer

Nuclear fuel continues to gain more importance over other sources of energy. Uranium can produce up to 2.5 million times more heat than an equal weight amount of coal. Ontario Hydro's operating nuclear generating stations, one of them at Pickering, have proven to be economical and reliable. The stations provide almost 50 per cent of the province's electrical needs, and the figure will rise as new ones start operating.

However, nuclear power stations have their own disadvantage; they produce radio-active material harmful to people and the environment. As such, extensive precautions are needed to prevent release of radiation.

This information was given by assistant public education officer Rick Carltn to a visiting Niagara College group March l. They were: 13 students from the electrical engineering and electronic engineering technician programs on a learning tour in connection wth automatic control systems, with their teacher, Dr. Gordon Chen; and six journalism students.

Candu

The station uses the Canada Dueterium Uranium generating system or CANDU reactor, Mr. Carlton said. The station started producing electricity in 1971, and is the longest-running nuclear power station in the world.

The reactor uses natural uranium as fuel to run the station. Fuel bundles containing uranium are placed inside a series of tubes in a tank called calandria. Outside the rest of the tank is heavy water, another component of the reactor.

In Pickering, there are 360 of those tubes, and each takes 12 fuel bundles. "A total reactor is just under 4,000," he said. A fuel bundle produces as much energy as 180 megagrams of coal.

Heat is created in the reactor by the "fissioning" or splitting of uranium atoms. When fission occurs in the centre or nucleus of a uranium atom, it splits into fragments which separate quickly and generate heat. It also gives off a few neutrons. A "moderator,"heavy water, is used to slow the neutrons down enough so that they will strike another nuclei and sustain a chain reaction.

Energy

And since it is travelling quickly, when it breaks apart lots of heat is released. The fission products burning into neighboring atoms and creating a lot of heat change that kinetic energy into thermal energy, he said. In the process, as the fuel continues to react, it produces a build-up of fission products which are highly radioactive. Some of them are strong neutron absorbers which "poison" the remaining fuel.

Mr. Carlton said as the reaction goes on with the length time of a fuel bundle, the products build up quickly, and they very quickly grab neutrons. "And the fuel bundle just ceases the function becaus it can longer produce the neutrons to the act of Uranium 235 (one of two isotopes or atoms that make up uranium). So the fuel bundle doesn't wear off, it poisons itself out," he said.

Mr. Carlton said that leaves the station with a couple of options. At the end of a year and half, which is the life time of a bundle, the station may either discard it or store it somehow. The fission products can be removed and the fuel reprocessed through technology available in Europe.

Nuclear waste is categorized into three groups: low and intermediate level wastes which result from day-to-day operations of reactors. The waste includes filters, maintenance mops, plastic sheeting and protective clothing, and it is transported to an incinerator in Bruce Peninsula. High level waste is the used fuel bundles and accounts for 99 per cent of radioactivity in a nuclear plant.

It is stored at the bottom of large water-filled pools which are five meters deep. There are three bases of such storage at the Pickering plant, and two are almost filled up. They can store the waste safely only up to 70 years. "They seem to be doing an adequate job," Mr. Carlton said.

The fuel continues to emit lots of physical heat five years after it has been taken out of the reactor. It is considered to be non-radioactive after 300 years. He said an area with no ground water flow is ideal for permanent disposal of nuclear waste.

Studies are being done to consider the possibility of burying nuclear fuel safely and permanently, deep in the stable granite rock formations of the Canadian shield. The fuel will be enclosed in corrosion resistant disposal containers.

Safety

"Those are the kind of systems that back each other up, and decrease the likelihood of any kind of radiation leaking inside," Mr. Carlton said. "Things like dust particles always flow towards the reactor, not away from it. The system is incredibly well built in terms of safety."

All the control and safety systems are built in duplicates or triplicate "so that if anything goes wrong with one, the other one is ready to kick in immediately."

Entertainment

Sydna Bell-Windeyer exhibits art at Hennepin Art Gallery

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer

The pleasures of country living, captured in the art of Sydna Bell-Windeyer, are being exhibited at the Hennepin Art Gallery this month.

The scenes depicted are taken in the first place from real life, not from memory or imagination.

"I usually photograph the scenes and, hopefully, have time to make a quick sketch or some times I actually start the drawing there," she said at the opening March 2.

"The paintings start out with an actual subject and then, from there they evolve into whatever I want to make them," Mrs. Bell-Windeyer said.

Most of her works are done in watercolor but she also works with pen and ink, graphite, colored pencil, acrylic and hand-pulled etchings from zinc plates.

Her work with etching is "intriguing" but dangerous. The nitric acid used in etching the zinc plates emits toxic fumes and "if you have nitric acid and varsol to clean your plate — if they mix they explode."

"The only time I can etch the plates is in the summertime when I can do them outside because of the acid," she said.

Mrs. Bell-Windeyer described the process of making etchings. "You start with a (zinc) plate, then you put a substance over top of that so the plate won't scratch — it looks almost like tar. You draw on there with anything that's sharp — a needle, a pin, and you just do the drawing which is actually a line drawing.

"Now what you're doing is taking little of that asphalt stuff off the surface. You don't dig the plate or anything, you just take a little of that substance off."

The plate is then dipped in the acid which dissolves the zinc where it is exposed from the "sharp object" drawing.

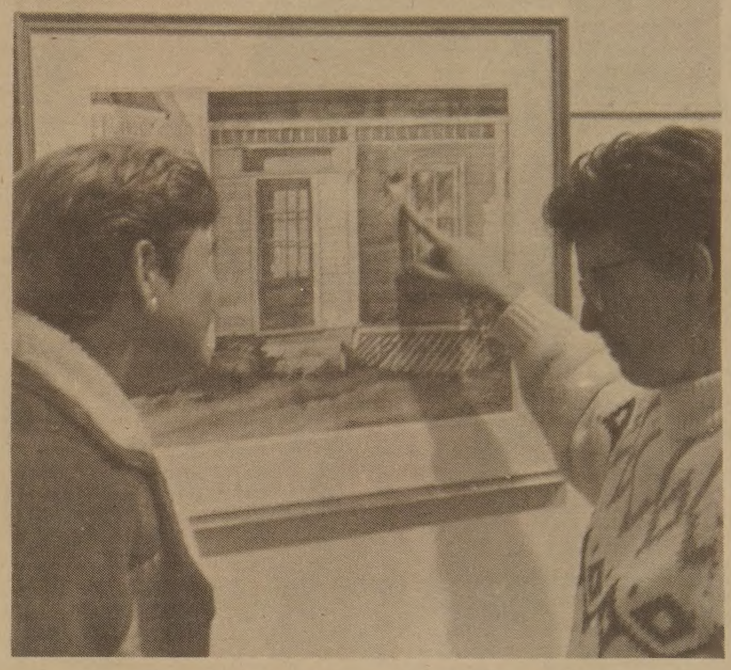
"The longer you leave it in the acid the deeper the line and the more ink it will hold." Timing the acid dip is tricky, Mrs. Bell-Windeyer said. "There's no exact science to this."

"You mess up a lot," she said.

The final step is to apply ink to the plate and run it through a printing press with special, "very expensive," paper.

Mrs. Bell-Windeyer lives in Burlington and works full-time painting in her studio there. Her work can be found in many private homes and businesses, art galleries and a book entitled The Day the Welland Canal Monster Met Santa. She has also written a book about her childhood escapades.

The exhibit, Country Pleasures, is being held at the Hennepin Art Gallery until March 31. One of the real life scenes captured in the painting Morning has Broken was taken from a home just down Rice Road from the college.



Sydna Bell-Windeyer, right, describes her painting, Morning Has Broken, to her sister, Bev, Mrs. Bell-Windeyer's "helper." Photo by Allan Benner

Parade float committee needs more volunteers

The college parade float committee is asking for more volunteers to come forward to participate in the construction of the float.

So far, it has managed to obtain a horse and knight made from paper mache; other materials have been ordered.

Larry Clark, co-ordinator of the project, has expressed some concern over the limited number of volunteers.

"We have the mainstay of the committee from the start of the project, and we have been trying to set up work committees," he said.

More volunters are needed to see the project to its completion.

"We are slowly progressing, but at this point, I'm not sure we are going to make our original objective — that is, the Blossom Festival, May 5," Mr. Clark said.

He asks that anyone interested get in touch with him at extension 685.

ECE will increase fees April 1

Early childhood education will have a fee increase effective April 1, Amelia Szczykutowicz, the manager of the Early Childhood Education Centre, said. The fee for full-time infants will be $124 a week, and $121 for toddlers.

The fee for full-time preschoolers will be $117 a week; half-day preschoolers and toddlers $222 a month with lunch, and $113 a month without lunch. Casual care will cost $5 a hour.

The fee for full-time infants is now $108 a week; for toddlers, $95 a week; $102 for full-time preschoolers; and $4 an hour for casual care.

The Early Childhood Centre has an enrolment of 95 children. Mrs. Szczykutwicz said she can only take a maximum of 107 children.

Battle of bands

Five regional bands to compete April 4

Niagara College students will see a Battle of the Bands April 4 in the cafeteria.

Cass Howorth, Student Administration Council vice-president for social affairs, said about five bands from the Niagara Peninsula will be taking part in the competition. Each band will have about 25 minutes on stage.

First place winner will receive $300 and 20 hours rehearsal time at Augustus Studios and a chance to open for Universal Juveniles in an open-door concert to be held May 2. The band placing second will receive $200 and third prize is $100.

Judges will be looking for style, musicianship, crowd reaction, appearance and enthusiasm. The judges are from Hits FM, Pulse Magazine, the band Ice 9, SAC and Campus Radio Niagara College.

Cass said the competition is open to every band because there are few bands with students in them. The Battle of the Bands had been postponed because no band signed up before the deadline. Only new and upcoming bands will be allowed to compete.

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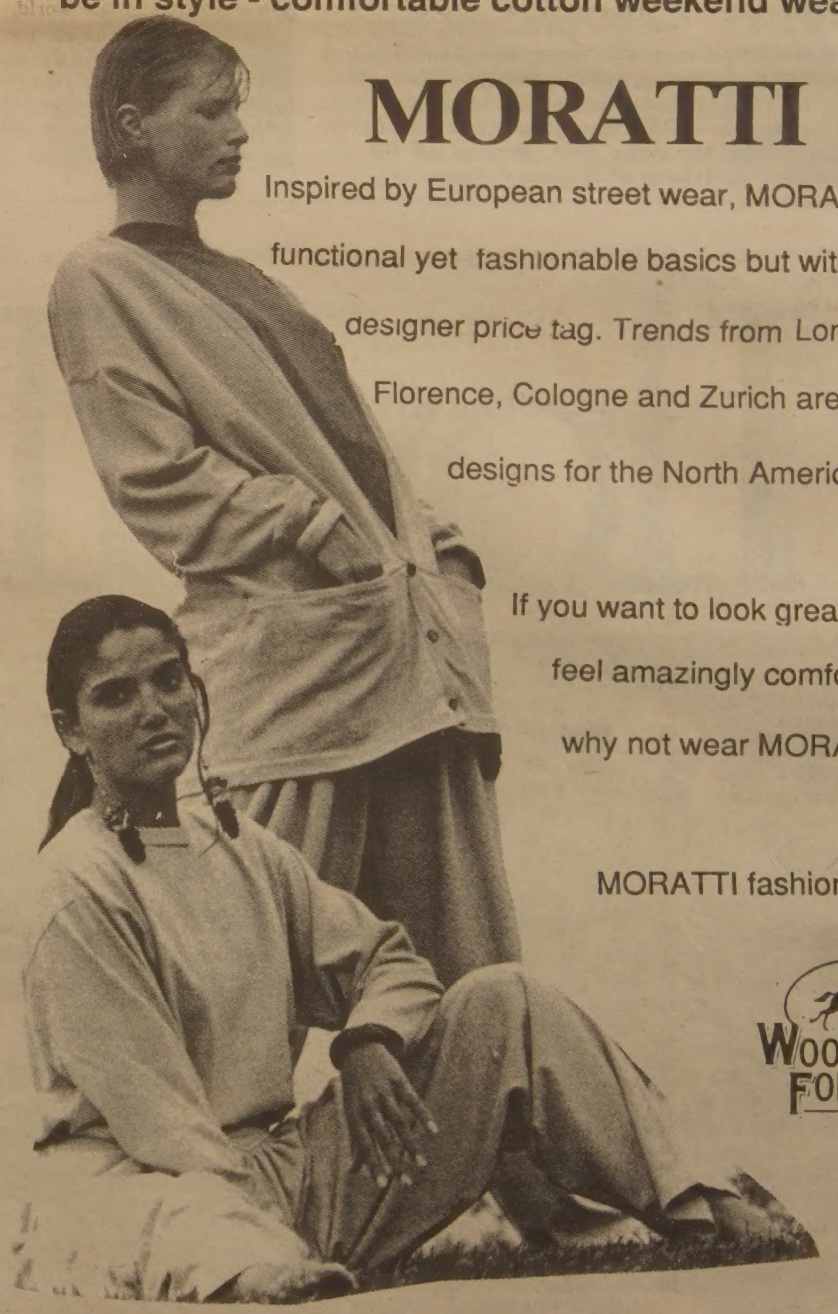

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Seafood Extravaganza makes big splash in every respect

Delightful delicacies make dinner success

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

The Seafood Extravaganza at Victoria Park Restaurant, Niagara Falls, was an event "extraordinaire" last Friday.

Emil Rinderlin, master of ceremonies, introduced the event to about 250 guests.

"We would like to make a hologram ... one that leads the hotel and tourist industry into the next century."

Two horseshoe-shaped tables, stacked with seafood delights, graced the buffet room.

Dining tables with eggnog colored tablecloths and serviettes enhanced the restaurant's interior decor, with a touch of glass and lattice.

Pineapples adorned with lobster, crayfish, clams, oysters and shrimp served as centerpieces, as well as a delicious appetizer.

At the centre of the two buffet tables was a circular paella — a Spanish dish — with saffron rice, shrimp, scampi, mussels, clams, chicken and green beans.

There was a selection or salads from lettuce to potato, and a cold fish salad made from scallops, squid and octopus.

Adding to the cold buffet menu were the decorated salmon, Arctic char, smoked eel, and stuffed lobster.

Hot entrees included deep fried smelts, Arctic char, and scallops in cheese sauce.

For dessert, each guest was served a fish-shaped puff pastry, decorated with kiwi and grapes. The flavor was enhanced by a fresh raspberry sauce. The pastry case was glazed, and filled with whipped cream.

THREE DAYS TO PREPARE

"The whole meal took about three days to prepare," Chef Stan West, instructor at the Hospitality Centre, said.

Chef West assisted in the preparation, with Gabriel Fabi, executive chef for the Niagara Parks Commission, and restaurant staff.

"The dinner was just extraordinary; so professional, so well done," Marilyn Baiano, assistant to the editor of the Niagara Gazette, Niagara Falls N.Y., said.

Mrs. Baiano, and Daniel Baiano, a donor representing Nestle Canada, said they could not think of a better recipient for his company's contribution than Niagara College.

As after dinner entertainment, a band, called Rich Blend, performed an array of songs for the guests.

"The entertainment is a nice addition this year," Mrs. Baiano said. "It is first class, all the way."

Paul Leon, chairman, Board of Directors, Niagara College Foundation, said he found the dinner to be as expected: "a fantastic effort".

"Mankind has always found the sea to be alluring; the mystique of the sea, and the wonder of it all — we were seduced by the meal.

"I am very proud to be part of an event that focuses on the talents of Niagara College."

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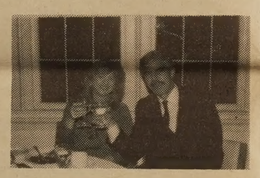

Foundation reels in $$$$ for centre

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

Selected seafood from coast to coast helped the Niagara College Foundation raise more than $16,000 last week at the Great Canadian Seafood Extravaganza.

Two-hundred and forty-two tickets had been sold with proceeds going to the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre Fundraising Campaign.

Tickets were $75, of which $60 was tax-deductible.

Last year, 150 people attended the function at the Victoria Park restaurant, overlooking Niagara Falls; this year 256 people enjoyed the wide array of delicacies that were offered. The usually magnificent view was obliterated by dense fog.

The lavish menu contained whole lobster, shrimp, and the world's largest paella, a Spanish rice dish, prepared by Victoria Park chef Gabriel Fabi and served by the Niagara College hospitality students.

"The dinner was excellent," said Mr. Habermehl. "All of the donations are going to a charitable cause so it's well worth the effort."

GOOD METHOD

Last year Emil Rinderlin and the Ontario Fish Producers Association suggested that holding a seafood dinner would be a good method of raising funds. The OFPA provided their products as a donation. This year, the smelts and perch were donated by the OFPA.

There were two reasons for deciding on the exotic seafood dinner, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information, said. "No one is doing this kind of dinner. People also see it as a special treat."

The seafood extravaganza will probably become a yearly event, Esther Dockman, Foundation officer, said.

"I don't think there was one person who said they wouldn't come next year and bring a friend.

'JUST SUPER'

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, said the dinner was "just super. Everyone had a great time for a good cause and we raised money."

Five organizations gave on-the-spot donations when Mr. Rinderlin announced tickets would be going on sale for prizes to be won during the evening. Representatives from White Oaks donated a weekend for two at its tennis club. Dan's Produce donated a fruit basket. Other prizes included helicopter rides, smoked salmon and dinners for two at the Prince of Wales hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Rinderlin's in Welland.

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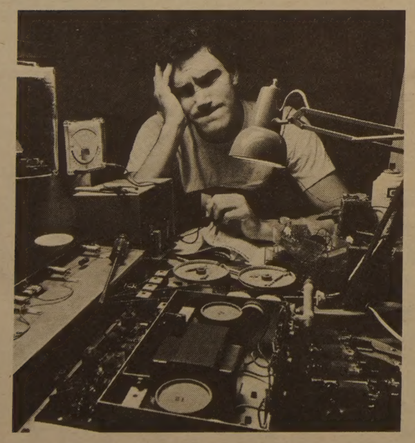

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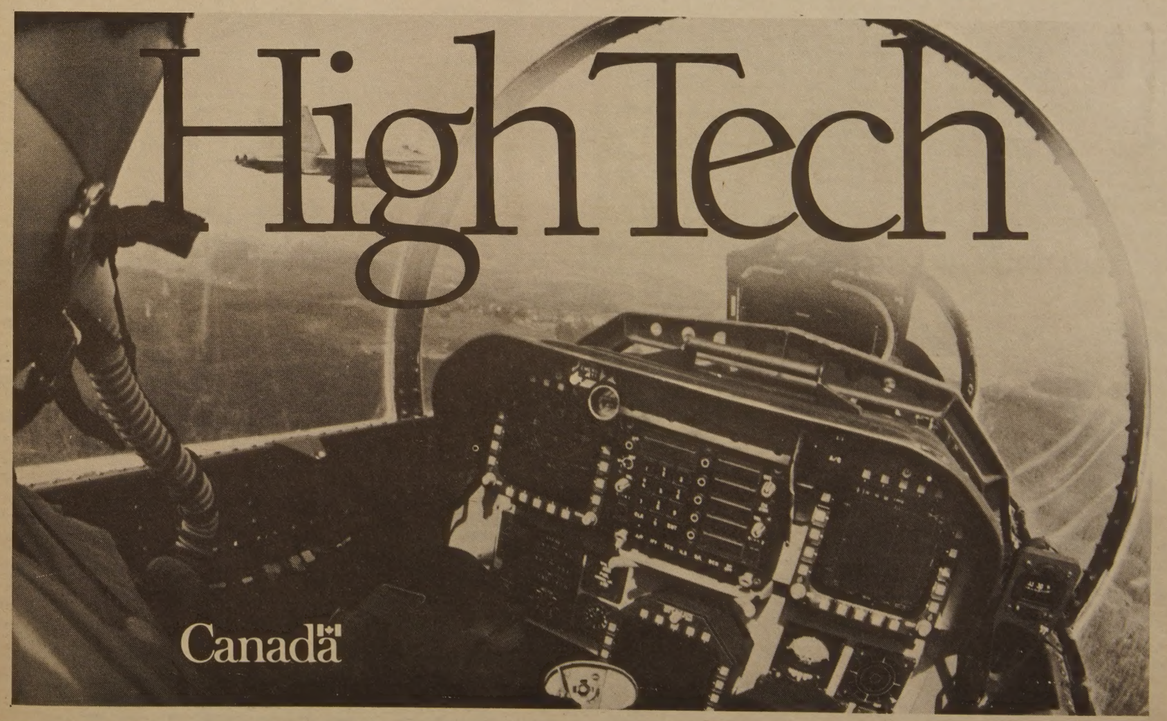

Paul Fortier, a first-year fashion arts student, and Tammy Dick, second year, model fashion wear for their program. Jackets and sweatshirts are available through fashion arts in a variety of styles and colors for any program that is interested.

Photo by Tony Post

New poster apparel to promote program

Fashion students will look sharp in their new "poster" apparel which features a print of the program's promotional poster, designed by Eileen Muir, a Fashion Communications Arts instructor.

"Students will wear the sweatshirts and jackets when working in the field," Mrs. Muir said. They will promote the program and the college in the community whether they are co-ordinating fashion shows or doing window displays.

Other programs may have designs of their own, too, Mrs. Muir said. They can have sweatshirts and jackets made with their own designs, or they can have the fashion department make one up. The clothes are available in a variety of styles and colors.

Sweatshirts cost $10 plus $2 for the silkscreen. The minimum order is 12 sweatshirts of one size and color.

Jackets come in bomber and hip length styles. Bomber jackets cost $47 with lining and $44 without; hip length jackets cost $43 with lining and $40 without. There is a $2 charge for the silkscreen. A student's name will be stitched on the front of the jacket for $3. Prices do not include sales tax.

The sweatshirts and jackets are made by Seasonal Sportswear in St. Catharines. The company is owned by Phoenix Lam, a former fashion student.

Students design kits for profit

Two groups of second-year fashion arts students are designing accessories for children and adults; some of the articles may even be marketed to the general public.

Karen Hodgson, second-year fashion arts student, said her group is designing kits for children which include shoe clips, hair clips and hair bands. She said they will present their kits to Cheryl Stranges, owner and designer of Kiddie Kaboose, who will decide if the designs are good enough to be marketed. "Hopefully buyers will buy them," Karen said.

The second group is designing accessories for the boutique in the Tecumseh foyer across from the Learning Resource Centre. These designs are more modern and more appealing to the college-age population. They are making rings, brooches, hair clips and earrings from nuts, bolts and screwdrivers.

Ms. Stranges is a graduate of the Fashion Arts program at Niagara College.

Ramona Crawford, fashion arts teacher, said, "If she(Ms. Stranges) likes the idea, she'll pass it along.

Second-year fashion arts students have been busy designing accessories with the hopes of having themm marketed in retail outlets. Shown here displaying some of their handiwork are, left to right, Leann Hines, Tricia Carruthers and Paula Reis. The bear, adorned with children's accessories, is part of their display.

Photo by Jennifer Huggins

PITCH IN

Book sale proceeds benefit needy students

The English division will be helping a good cause at next month's Open House by holding a paperback book sale whose proceeds will go to needy students.

"It's a special fund that will be set up this year for needy students," Marti Jurmain, operations co-ordinator in the division, said Tuesday. "Perhaps it could provide needy emergency funds for groceries for the week or something."

Mrs. Jurmain said the book sale, which will be restricted to paperbacks, will be held outside S104 on April 1. "These won't be new, but fairly new, books; we're asking for donations from our faculty and staff," Mrs. Jurmain said. "And they'll be cheap — 50 cents, three for $1."

They are asking particularly for books which will be appeal to high school students, such as romances, detective stories, science fiction and some children's books.

People willing to donate may leave their books with Judy Ventresca in Simcoe 210 before the last week in March.

The financial aid office does assist students who need emergency funds. "So, this will be a special fund which they'll administer," Mrs. Jurmain said.

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Balance of inspirations and craft

Anne Chislett talks about her art

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

A master in dialogue; an accomplished conversationalist, Anne Chislette is dedicated to the art of writing.

It is the art of playwrighting: "a balance of inspiration and craft," she told students in Valerie Grabove's English 200 class March 12.

"People think writing is a magical act; it requires long, hard hours," Ms. Chislett said. "It is a question of inspiration, but it's inspiration backed by craft. It is a willingness to re-write maybe ten times before you get it right."

Ms. Chislett is described as one of the most successful playwrights in Canada.

She was speaking to the students about her play Quiet in the Land for which she won the 1982 Chalmers Canadian Play Award, and the Governor General's Award for the best Canadian play of 1983. Together with her husband James Roy, she helped found the Blyth Summer Festival in 1975. Quiet in the Land was first produced at Blyth.

Quiet in the Land is the story of a young Amish man, Jacob (Yock) Bauman, in southern Ontario who exiles himself from his religion and its pacifism to fight in the First World War.

"When I first started, I knew nothing about the Amish," Ms. Chislett confessed. "All I knew was that the people dressed in black, drove horses and buggies, and you met them when you least expected driving around a corner."

She told students there was a perception that the Amish were a totally male-dominated society. She said no one knew much about them except they didn't want much to do with the 20th century.

HISTORY

Ms. Chislett began by reading definitive history and "tacky" Amish Christian novels, semi-religious conversion stories (which she said were innocent, but badly written), all of which carried some insight into the Amish people.

Next she went to the University of Waterloo, and found people there ordinarily dressed like us, but with a certain look of openness and friendliness in their eyes. Those at Waterloo led her to others, until she was able to meet people who dressed in black, and lived in housed with no electricity.

"One of the things that struck me about the Mennonite people was their confidence – they seem to have this by nature," Ms. Chislett said.

Most of the work was done just by meeting the people, she said. What she found was that pride was the worst sin to the Amish: "It is what keeps them separate from us."

In her travels, she met Amish pacifists who held the belief that all other people ate out of cans, watched TV 24 hours a day, and told dirty jokes in washrooms.

"They did not believe someone wanted to write about them, and more, that someone would want to watch it," Ms. Chislett said.

In researching, she found the Canadian government acted unfairly to their pacifism, and she decided to make pacifism a central theme in the play.

MIRROR

The idea was to create a Mirror – "There are more mirrors sold than pictures in the world," she said. "It involves writing what is true to you. To the people of Sudbury, the Amish were a part of Huron County. There must be something about a play that strikes a chord."

She told the students that a play starts with a black screen, and then there are certain patterns. Analogous to a table, a play has to have support. In plays, that support is conflict.

"You've got to do a lot of research, but then you have to forget it," Ms. Chislett said. "You need to know everything, and it is important for you to understand what was going on in the period, and the social history, so you don't have to think about it when writing."

She found that the first tractor came on the fields in 1917. Before that, every farmer used horses.

"This was when the Amish really became separate from everyone else," she said. "This was a landmark that the audience could identify with. This was the noticeable difference."

She wanted to convey why someone would choose to stay in this group, "and it had to be someone the audience was going to love, and care about."

For this year, she chose Katie, who unlike Yock, wanted to stay Amish, but who was also bright-eyed and fascinated with new things.

PRODUCTION COST

In a small theatre, there is often a problem with cost, and Ms. Chislett had to cut a few characters from the play.

"They are extremely proud of not being proud. They are stubborn, yet delighted with themselves."

A play can cost anywhere from $20,000 to $750,000 a production. Salaries for actors are structured according to the size of theatre.

In casting, she had to eliminate actors. She chose to keep the grandmother, instead of a wife.

"I wanted someone on stage with a memory."

Her most recent play, Yankee Notions, is being performed by students at the Ryerson Theatre School. In addition, she is working on a small class comedy about pollution. Occasionally, she travels the Canadian circuit to promote her work.

"It is most important for people to see living, breathing authors," Ms. Chislett said. "It is also helpful for a writer to get out of the ivory tower."

In this way writers have a chance to view other authors as well as audiences.

"Sometimes we do watch TV, and there is probably a group out there that tells dirty jokes, and eats out of cans," she said.

"But part of the original purpose was to show the Amish in a sympathetic way, as 'earthly people' to the outside world."

Quiet in the Land is a play that has accomplished just that.

Fundraising starts March 28 to benefit Tourism students

Representatives from various organizations will be at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre on Wednesday, March 28, to give demonstrations of their products.

Mary Kay cosmetics, Regal, Tupperware and other organizations will take part in a fundraising campaign for the program. All profits will go toward the annual familiarization trip taken by first year tourism students.

Marie-Marthe Rennie, tourism-program co-ordinator, asks that interested people make reservations soon. She would like a maximum of 25 people.

Anyone interested can get in touch with Mme. Rennie at ext. 614.

Couple wins trip to Las Vegas

A lucky Stoney Creek couple will soon be on their way to Las Vegas. Deb Maddalena and her husband had the winning ticket in the Hospitality and Tourism Centre draw.

Mrs. Maddelena has already contacted sponsor Robert Q Travel Mart in Port Elgin, Ont. In fact, she booked an extra week.

Marie Marthe-Rennie, co-ordinator for the tourism program, said the winner was "delighted and she can't wait to go."

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Take walk down Jungle Lane

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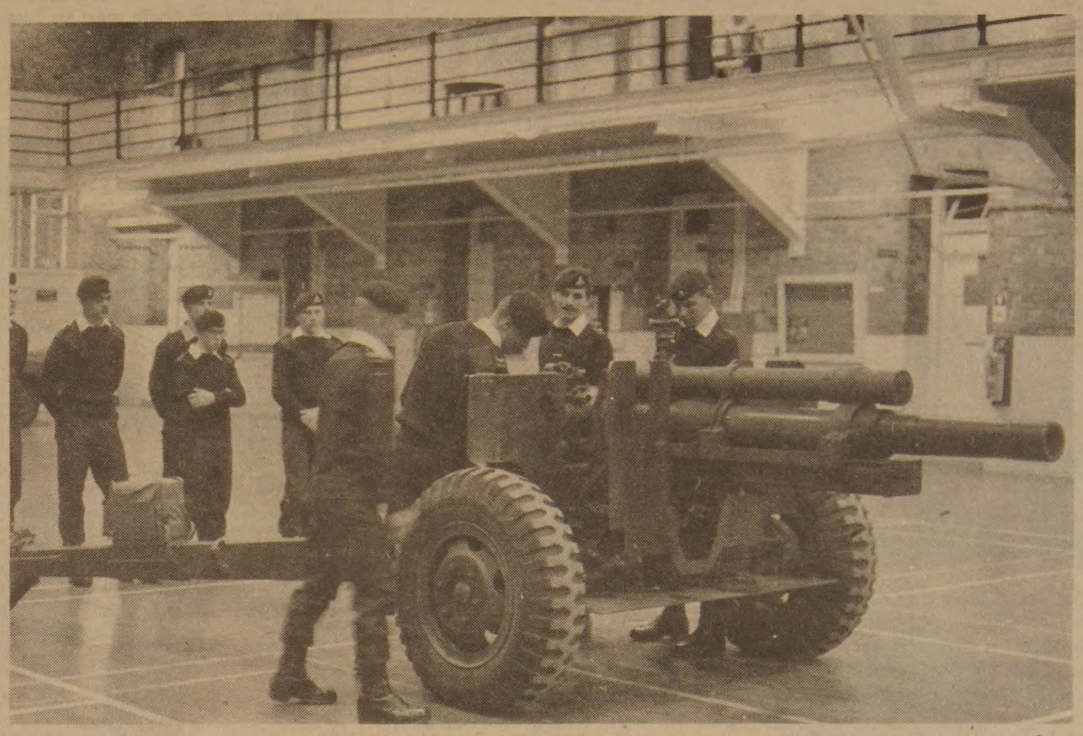

Engaged in mock battle, reservists conduct an exercise in which they train to use this 105 mm howitzer at the Lake Street Armories in St. Catharines. They are preparing for a weekend exercise. The Canadian Armed Forces had a booth set up at Niagara College's Career Day.
Photo by Allan Benner

The sound of gun fire and distant explosions fill the otherwise quiet woods. You lie on the muddy earth awaiting the order to advance down Jungle Lane. Huddling your rifle close you remain constantly ready to fire. Your eyes sweep the landscape searching for any sign of movement hidden by the trees and underwod. You have been well trained and are ready for the challenge.

Something suddenly jumps up in front of you from the foliage and mud. Your finger is heavy on the trigger as you perceive the image of an enemy soldier, his rifle aimed and ready to fire — a moment's hesitation and you would be dead, if the circumstances were real. The bullet tears through the painted wooden figure which falls to the ground with a thud. The commanding officer waves your compay forward into the onslaught and you continue the advance, your senses straining for the sight or sound of another soldier.

Captain Doug Bugeaud, Armed Forces Infantry division, described this exercise, called Jungle Lane, as one of many exercises the Royal Canadian Military Reserve has in store for reservists. The exercises places experienced soldiers in a mock battle, cautious as they transcend the wooded area, waiting for targets which pop up from hidden locations.

Not for everyone

The reserve is certainly an out-of-the ordinary summer job. Private Wayne Smith, Niagara College alumni in the Welland, Lincoln regiment of the reserves, said, "Not everybody should do that, the reserves aren't for everyone." It takes a special type of person. "If you want to be in the infantry you've got to like the outdoors. You've got to be able to work with other people — to work as a team, and you've got to be a little bit violent and aggressive."

The hardest part about the reserves is the first two weeks during basic training. This is the time when most people drop out. "When I first started I wondered what I joined for because we didn't do anything that interesting. We were just getting yelled at and made to march," Pte. Smith said.

Sergeant Todd Scotney of the Welland, Lincoln regimet said, "I've seen guys who have cried but it's just that they're not ready for it; they've got to do some growing up. It's basic training, you've got to learn how to rough it.

Firm but fair

"You get yelled at but you let it go in one ear and out the other. You do your job and he's (the sergeant's) there to do a job and jack you up. I've had to do it myself. I go by the rule of being firm but fair and if the guy screws up I'm going to be hard on him, but if he doesn't I'm not going to yell at him just for the sake of yelling."

After the initial hardships basic training poses, the military reserve can become a rewarding job. "Once you get into rifles and hand-grenades and going out camping in the bush, digging trenches — then it's fun. I'd do it again," Pte. Smith said. "It's a lot different when you're experiencing it than when you're watching it on a two-hour T.V. show. It's better being involved."

At Niagara College's Career Day Wednesday the Armed Forces had a booth set up "to provide information to anyone who asks for it," Captain Bruce Paxton, Armed Forces recruiting, said.

One course Capt. Paxton recommends to students taking three-year courses at the college is the Reserve Entry Scheme Officers program which "provides employment in the summer, each summer while they're going to college and it might qualify them to become an officer in the reserves." The program is offered only to university or college students enrolled in a three-year course.

Capt. Paxton said, "The best thing to do (for someone wishing to enlist) is first visit the units and decide what unit they might like to join. The best night to observe training is on Monday at the Lake Street Armories in St. Catharines."

Part-time

A student can join the reserves on a part-time basis while he is going to school. "There's no horrendous commitment joining the reserves," Capt. Paxton said. The usual requirement is one weekend a month and one night a week; however, if you are unable to meet this requirement, "they're pretty lenient in such cases. They must turn up at least once a month, otherwise they become what we call non-effective and they're released."

Due to federal government budget cuts the "regular forces are being scaled down and they're expanding the reserves," Sgt. Scotney said. "The reserves are becoming more professional and gaining higher standards. You're being measured for your body mass index all the time to make sure you're in shape."

If a recruit does not make the standard, he is put n a six-month waiting list. The prospective recruits receive counsel during the period of probation "to get you down to a certain weight and make sure you make the standard," Sgt. Scotney said.

Capt. Paxton said, "During the summer, from the last week in June until the middle of August a new recruit can make about $3,000 or about $40 a day." An extra $10 a day is added when barracks are not provided and they must sleep in tents or a "hooch" (military slang for a water-proof nylon sheet).

No expenses

Other than income tax, during the reserve's summer course, there are no expenses. All food and accommodations are provided. "With bottled beer for $1.25 and free room and board you make a lot of money," Pte. Smith said.

Capt. Paxton said, "During the winter a reservist could probably make between $100 and $200 a month."

Although this is not very much money, Sgt. Scotney, who works full time at the St. Catharines Standard, said, "It's an extra pay cheque at the end of the month. The more you show up, the more money you make."

During the summer course a reservist can expect "a lot of hard work," Capt. Paxton said. "Usually they work six days a week, sometimes it's five and other times they work eight." Pte. Smith said, "We usually got Sundays off. It was the only day of the week we could get caught up from the rest of the week. A couple of weekends we got two days off and we could go home."

Pte. Smith looks back on the hardships of last summer at Camp Borden with humor. "I was security for an observation point during a reconnaisance exercise we were doing. I didn't realize it but I was lying on top of a bee's nest and I had all these bees buzzing around in my combat shirt. So I had to take all my stuff off and let these bees out of my shirt while we were on the march." Pte. Smith managed to avoid getting stung in the ordeal.

Aside from the risk of being stung by bees, there are other dangers involved in being a reservist. With hand grenades "once you pull the pin you've got something that if you mess up it could kill you," Pte. Smith said. Dangers like this are what make the Royal Canadian Military Reserve one of the most exciting summer jobs available.

Planning program

In response to a need of the public, Niagara College is planning a new program. Activation Techniques - Gerontology, which is scheduled to begin September 1990 or January 1991.

There are four similar programs in Ontario but Mohawk College is the closest college to offer it in the region.

The Niagara program differs because there will be a larger practical component included on the guidance of an advisory committee.

Bob Baddeley, director of the Community Services Division, said there is a need for the program in the community. There are a large number of seniors, most living in long-term care facilities, who require assistance from a physical or occupational therapist. They have a need to stay involved in the kinds of activities prescribed by the therapist.

NEED TO UNDERSTAND

Therapists cannot treat every senior every day, so, in between sessions, there is a need for staff who understand the "rationale" behind the therapy and how to do the activities, Mr. Baddeley said.

He said the program was developed in response to requests from employers, nursing homes and the Seniors Dept. of the Regional Municipality of Niagara over several years.

Diane Hurrin, a development officer, is credited with doing a lot of the development work.

The development included a needs survey in the community to determine that there would be suffcient areas for field placements. The response was quite supportive, Mr. Baddeley said.

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Sports

Niagara - ICHL champions!

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

"International Collegiate Hockey League champions."

That's the title the Niagara Knights brought home from the playoffs last weekend in Kitchener.

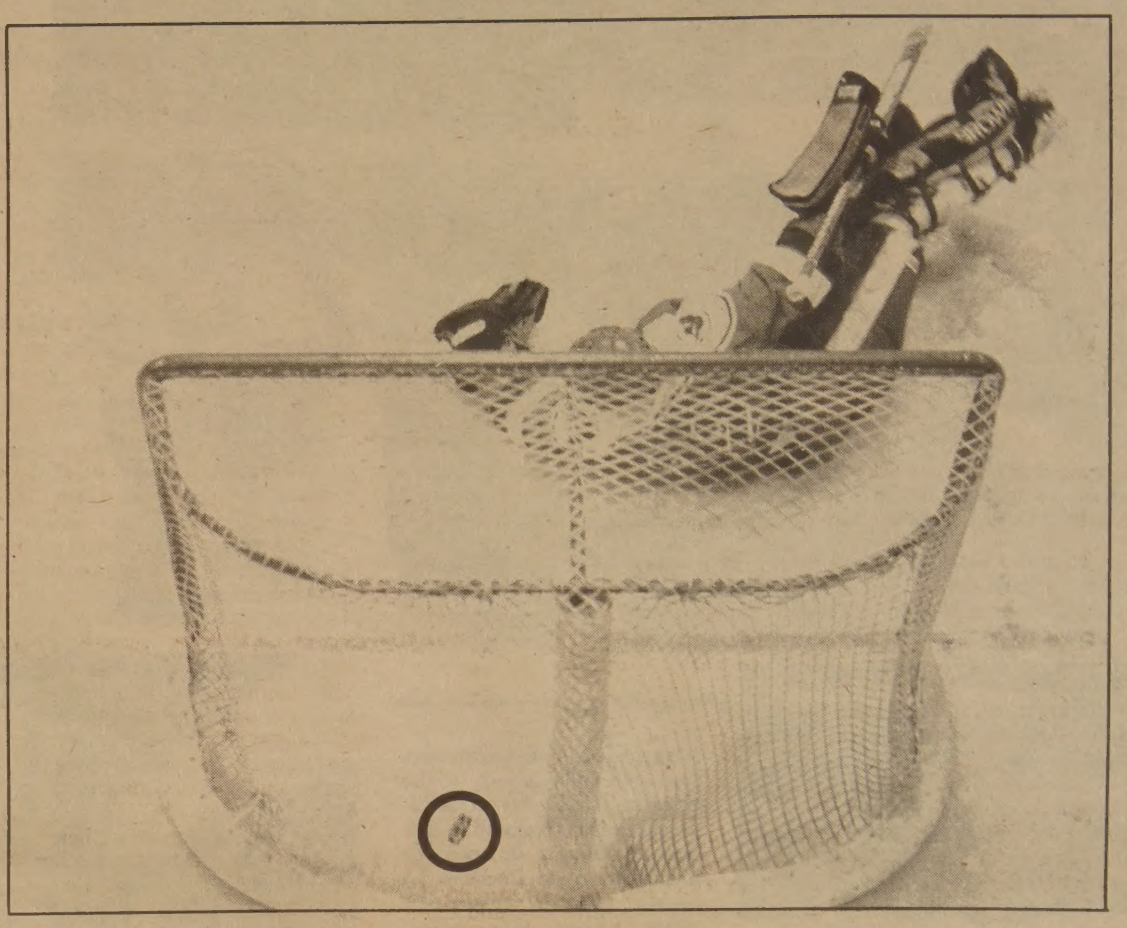
The top two teams in the ICHL faced off in Sunday's championship final and the Big Blue Machine emerged victorious.

Niagara downed the host Conestoga Condors 5-3 in Sunday's barnburner finale, to take the ICHL playoff championships for the second time in three years. The Knights advanced to the final by dumping Buff State 7-4 in Saturday's semifinal.

Sunday's final game was a fitting end to a great season for the Knights.

The Knights were never behind in the title game. Chris Gallagher opened scoring with a goal in the eighth minute of the first period before Conestoga equalized with less than four minutes remaining.

Niagara set the stage for the win in the second period. They struck for three goals, none of them on even terms, to establish a 4-2 lead.



BEATEN — Conestoga goalie Marc McCallum flops in vain as Mike Mooridian's shot finds the back of the net for what proved to be the tying goal in the ICHL final Saturday. Dave Mooridian netted the winner 25 seconds after this goal.

REGAINED LEAD

Playoff MVP James Ward regained the lead for Niagara when he scored a short-handed goal off the rebound of a Lance Parcher shot. Jim Beattie and Joe Passero then set power-play goals by Dave and Mike Mooridian 25 seconds apart to put Niagara in the driver's seat for the championship.

Niagara spent the final period concentrating on defending their lead, but a Conestoga goal by Todd Dinner, with 7:26 left on the clock, added a measure of tension to the proceedings.

A bench penalty against the Knights for having too many men on the ice with less than four minutes left, opened the door for the Condors to tie the game, but the Knights' penalty killers, who allowed only one power-play goal in 17 opportunities throughout the playoff tournament, held on once again to preserve the lead.

With the clock ticking down to victory, Dan Ruetz cemented the results, scoring with only 1:25 left on the clock and eliminating the Condors' hopes to force an overtime period.

BY 7-4

The Knights had advanced to the final by downing Buffalo State in Saturday's semi-final by a 7-4 count.

Niagara had built up a 5-1 lead by early in the third period against the Bengals, before Buff State was able to put a few goals on board to make the score respectable.

James Ward, Chris Gallagher, and Lance Parcher had two goals each for the Knights in the semi-final, with Brian Rome chipping in a single.

Conestoga, on the other hand, entered the contest on the heels of a hard-fought 2-0 semifinal victory over Penn State Saturday evening.

The final was a close-checking affair with a total of only 52 shots on goal. The Knights capitalized on five of the 20 shots they were able to direct at the Conestoga goal. The Condors notched their three goals off 32 shots at Jim Darling.

SLOW START

The Niagara double tops off a banner year for the Knights. The Big Blue Machine shook off a slow, strike-hindered 1-2 start this season to put together a 12 game winning streak. The Knights went on to capture first place in the seven-team ICHL with a 14-3-1 record, seven points clear of second-place Conestoga.

"I can't help but win with these guys," coach Fred Bassi said after the game.

"This is the best team that's ever played in the ICHL."

In Kitchener this weekend, the Big Blue Machine made a strong case for his claim.

Athletic feast on March 28

Niagara College will hold its 21st Annual Banquet and Awards Knight Wednesday, March 28.

Members of Niagara's Varsity teams are invited to the athletic banquet in the VIP lounge, Players 1 at the Lincoln Plaza in Welland.

The banquet will be semi-formal and will start at 5:45 p.m.

Lists of all those invited are posted on bulletin boards throughout the college. Anyone not on the list who should be, should contact the athletic department.

Basketball sign-ups

Registration for intramural Basketball must be completed by March 16 at the Gym.

The team name, captain, and the day players are able to play, must be listed on the entry sheet.

The schedule will begin Tuesday, March 20, and/or Thursday, March 22.

Referees are needed.

Sports

Cameras capture Knights at the top

Niagara News photographers captured these shots of the Knights ICHL playoff championship this weekend in Kitchener. Niagara downed the host Conestoga Condors 5-3 in the final to sweep the ICHL honors this season. Clockwise from the top: The teams shake hands after the hard fought final match; Niagara's bench erupts after an insurance goal by Dan Ruetz sealed the victory;Playoff MVP James Ward accepts his trophy; Ward Jim Beattie and "The All-Bassi Team" pose with the championship trophy, and the Knights flood onto the ice celebrating victory.

Sports

Student athletes receive awards

Five Niagara College athletes were presented with athletic scholarships from the Student Administrative Council March 7.

Jim Darling, Leah Kulas, Brian McDonald, Wayne Prinsen and Kris Gowdy received the scholarships from SAC president Jim Ascai at an informal presentation in the gymnasium.

The scholarships are awarded to athletes on the varsity teams and are judged 50 per cent on the students' academic ability as well as athletic contribution to the college.

"I'm happy to see how well you've done as students as well as athletes," college president Jacqueline Robarts said. "It's not a lot of money, but I hope you look at the recognition it gives you."

TOP MALE ATHLETE

Jim, originally from St. Catharines, is a third-year construction engineering technology-architecture student with an 82 per cent average. Jim has played net for the Niagara Knights hockey team for three years. He was voted Ontario College's Athletic Association league's all-star goalie for the past two years. He was Niagara College's Male Athlete of the Year last year.

Leah is a second-year law and security administration student from Wingham. She has an 82 per cent average and is on the President's Honor Roll. Leah has played on the women's volleyball team for two years and led her team to second place in the OCAA finals last year. She was voted 1989/90 Female Athlete of the Year. Leah said she has always been involved in sports and outside the college she has played hockey and slo pitch. Leah played on the college badminton team last year.

SEEKING MVP

A St. Catharines native, Brian is in his second year in the business administration-marketing management program with a low 80's average. Brian was selected as Freshman Athlete of the Year in 1988/89 for his superior volleyball skills. Brian is in contention for Most Valuable Player and/or Athlete of the Year at this year's 21st annual Athletic Awards Banquet scheduled for March 28.

Wayne is a second-year law and security student from St. Catharines. Wayne has maintained a high average throughout his two years with marks in the high 70's and low 80's. Wayne played for the college's badminton team for two years and, although he did not win an individual championship, he kept the team's spirit alive and provided excellent leadership.

Kris is a second-year horticulture technician student from Oshawa. Kris is on the President's Honor Roll with a low 80's average. He has been selected to work at the Vineland Research Centre for the Ministry of Agriculture. Kris played for both the men's and mixed curling teams for two years.

Athletic scholarships were presented to Leah Kulas, volleyball; Jim Darling, hockey; Brian McDonald, volleyball; Wayne Prinsen, badminton; and Kris Gowdy, curling. The scholarships were sponsored by SAC and were given to deserving athletes who maintained high academic averages. From left are Jim Ascai, SAC president, Leah, Wayne, Jim, Kris and college president Jacqueline Robarts. Absent from the picture was Brian.

Photo by Sheila McBrayne

Bus trip cancelled

A bus trip to see the "Great One" Wednesday night at Buffalo Auditorium had to be cancelled because of lack of support.

A SAC-organized trip to see the Los Angeles Kings and Wayne Gretzky aroused such student apathy that SAC had to cancel the bus that had been booked, but students went to the game on their own.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said the bus had to be cancelled Tuesday night when SAC realized there was not enough student support.

The $25 bus-ticket price was trimmed down to $15, the price of the ticket alone.

Thirty-nine tickets out of 45 were eventually sold. Students were left to find their own transportation to the game.

OCAA curling finals

The OCAA curling championships at the Welland Curling Club last weekend were almost a repeat of the finals last year.

The Confederation College women's team, Canadian national champions from last year, took the OCAA gold for the second year in a row. Skip Kim Tolken directed her charges to a walk-over win of the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The Georgian College mixed rink, skipped by Jamie Brown, were the winners again this year, too. It marks the second year the Grizzlies have won the prize.

The honor of the men's OCAA curling championship went to Fanshawe College this year, after a three-way tie with Mohawk and Georgian was sent to drawing straws for a bye. Fanshawe won the bye, and then went on to win the tournament Sunday afternoon.

Mohawk College squeaked by with a 7-6 tear-jerker over the Grizzlies in the first round.

Fanshawe played Mohawk in the finals, but Mountaineer victory aspirations had been swept away by the ninth end. The score was 8-2.

All three teams will move to the national championships in British Columbia this weekend.

In the men's tournament, Mohawk came in second and Georgian settled for third. Mohawk came in the number two spot in the women's category, while Georgian settled for the bronze.

In mixed curling, Fanshawe and Confederation took spots two and three.

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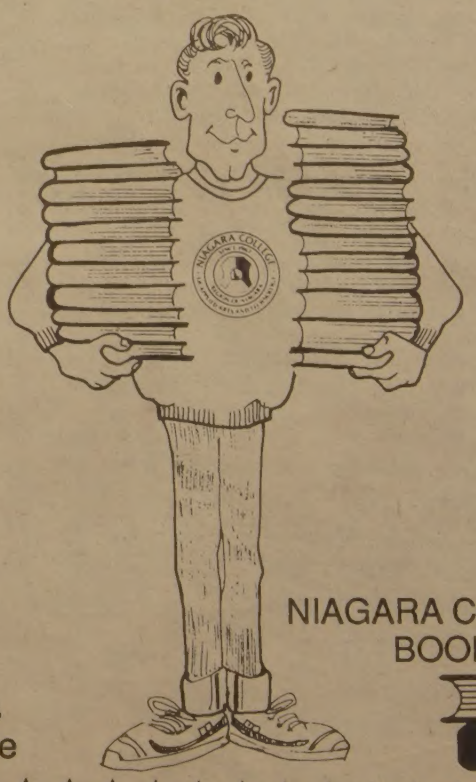

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Thousands of people marched through downtown Toronto March 3 to mark International Women's Day. Among others, the placards denounced the government's abortion laws, budget cuts to women's centres and police violence against minorities. Photo by Bome Matshaba

March honors women

By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

One day out of 365, women around the world are put upon a pedestal — International Women's Day. A thin red thread tied to the wrists of women symbolizes the recognition of the blood of women raped, beaten, sexually abused, imprisoned, molested, run dry from starvation and victims of war.

On March 8 Welland Community Resource and Action Centre held its first International Women's Day celebration at the Welland Public Library meeting room.

Speaker Theres Parent, an English teacher at Notre Dame High School, told the audience of about 50, including two men, that the global view of women was "a life with no power, limited income and not owning any property." She said that women make up one-half of the population of the owrld, but only earn one-tenth of its income for doing two-thirds of the work.

Ms. Parent went to Lima, Peru, two years ago where she found five million of the seven million population in severe poverty. Women play a crucial role in their society by running thousands of soup kitchens. "The women of Peru practise Liberation Theology, which means people working in their circumstances to free themselves."

SOME IMPROVEMENT

Dianne Grenier, Welland laywer, said women's role in Canadian society has improved somewhat since the turn of the century. Before this time women were merely property, owned by men. "I think many will argue that we have not reached that just society yet, but the change that has occurred has occurred slowly and not without violence and pain."

In 1979 Canada celebrated the 50th anniversary of women becoming people. Before 1929, women were categorized in legislation with children, idiots and morons, Kathryn Gorman, special education teacher at E. L. Crossley Secondary School, said. The year 1975 was designated as the International Year of Women.

"I am the only woman practising law in Welland. How can this be?" Ms. Grenier asked. "Come on, it's 1990!"

March 8, International Women's Day, crosses 24 time zones into seven continents, "to give women the opportunity to look ahead at what else can be done."

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lobbying the provincial government for almost 20 years to get some legislation passed.

PROTECT PUBLIC

Mr. Gooch said the reason behind the proposal is to protect the public by eliminating people from the profession who are not doing a good job. Ontario is the only province with no regulatory standards in this profession.

Niagara College students are not against legislation that would protect the client, but they want college level social workers to be included in the proposal.

As it stands, there is no mention of client protection in the proposal.

The association wanted self-regulatory status — like that of doctors — in which as a recognized group, it could set its own standards of competent practice and set up a regulatory body to enforce standards and field complaints from the public.

DOES NOTHING

Mr. Gooch said he has not been in the ministry for the full 20 years this has been going on, but, he said, "The provincial government is doing what government does very, very well — nothing."

He said he does not know why the proposal never went anywhere, but he did know that the association was never told no but never told yes.

Social service

In 1982, the association established a voluntary College of Certified Social Workers, similar to the College of Physicians.

In 1986, a proposal was developed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services to give an official mandate to the College of Certified Social Workers but it did not go far because other ministers in the cabinet raised several concerns.

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In response to their concerns, the ministry drafted a consultation paper. It received a lot of response from the public, which up until now, had not been consulted.

The paper consisted of technical questions concerning the structure and representation of a system like the one proposed by the association and more fundamental questions as to the need and effect of a body like this.

The consultation period was formally closed in December of 1989.

It was up to the minister to make attempts to choose between the groups or find a common ground in the issue.

Deciding to go with the latter, the minister called a meeting of representatives of interested parties, "people we considered fundamental players," Mr. Gooch said.

The association and the Social Work Reform Group, two groups with opposite views were invited, as well as the heads of Applied Arts of colleges.

JUST SHOUTS

Mr. Gooch said they sat in a room and shouted at each other. No consensus was reached, but a few lesser important agreements were made.

The association and the heads of applied arts appeared to agree on a principle that entry into a regulatory body should not be based on credentials, but on competence.

Mr. Gooch said some areas of the country cannot afford to hire social workers with degrees and. if they have to pay more, will have fewer services of lesser quality.

He said that it is complicated to have a union, regulatory body and an employer, but he said they act as a check and balance.

He said colleges have to be talking with the association instead of just feeling bitterness and suspicion.

Grads' future promising

Bob Baddeley, director of the community services division, thinks that there will eventually be a "genuine" recognition of community college social services graduates.

This was his impression after reviewing the inital draft of a proposal by the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers.

The proposal, which has spurred social service worker students into a campaign to fight it, would reduce social services staff by 70 per cent because it would restrict college graduates from practising in Ontario.

"I'm very pleased to see that consultation is taking place," Mr. Baddely said after attending a meeting Monday at which Peter Gooch, a policy analyst for the Ontario government, spoke to students and staff.

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